

## Parole Comparison Maine vs NH

	Maine <sup>1</sup>	New Hampshire <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total State Population 2025</b>	1,415,740	1,422, 700
<b>Total State Prison Population</b>	2,064 (current)	2,100 (2023)
<b>Imprisonment Rate per 100,000</b> <a href="https://www.sentencingproject.org/research/us-criminal-justice-data/">https://www.sentencingproject.org/research/us-criminal-justice-data/</a>	107	149
<b>Total number of individuals serving parole</b>	10 instate 70 interstate compact = 84	1,552 (2023-24)
<b>Application approval rate</b>	SCCP approval rate 2023-25 - 825 applications reviewed, 50 approved (approx. 6%)	73% approval rate in 2023
<b>Number of residents released on parole (2023)</b>	0	473
<b>Number of residents eligible for parole (served minimum sentence length)</b>	167 (current figure provided by MDOC ) under proposed bill	648 (2023)
<b>Total Annual Parole Budget</b>	\$5 million (fiscal note)	\$400,000 annual

1. ME Data - Maine Department of Corrections.

2. NH prison data source - NH Adult Parole Board Budget Presentation November 12, 2024

***Rethinking Parole in Maine, Considering Economic Contributions of Parolees in the Context of Recent Trends in Maine's Labor Force.*** Colby Laboratory for Economic Studies, March 12, 2023 concluded -

*“According to our results, an increase in Maine's workforce of 100 employees spread equally across these five industries would result in approximately \$14.7 million in increased economic activity. Roughly 43 other jobs would be supported by this output through indirect and induced effects on Maine's economy.”*

This economic and work force boost is in addition to the cost savings of community supervision. Studies suggest the costs of parole are about 10-12% the cost of incarceration. Parole pays for itself many times over.

Thank-you for your consideration,  
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